



# Virginia Commission on Youth

**Virginia Department of  
Juvenile Justice  
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# Juvenile Justice System Overview



- **35 court service units (CSUs)**
  - Domestic relations and delinquency intake services
  - Probation and parole supervision
- **24 locally- and regionally-operated detention centers**
  - Pre- and post-dispositional placements
- **3 juvenile correctional centers (JCCs), including the Reception and Diagnostic Center (RDC)**
- **Note: Detention centers operated locally**



# Total Juveniles Supervised by DJJ



- **There were an average of 5,941 juveniles per day under DJJ supervision (probation, direct care, or parole) in FY 2014.**
  - 5,060 on active probation supervision
  - 597 in direct care
  - 284 on active parole supervision
- **Decrease of 38% from FY 2005 (average of 9,548 juveniles per day under DJJ supervision)**



# Cost Per Direct Care Bed (FY 2014)



	Expenditures	ADP	Per Capita
JCC: Division of Operations	\$73,683,695	591	\$124,621
JCC: Division of Education	\$15,075,393	591	\$25,497
Halfway Houses	\$1,169,793	3	\$411,899
CPPs	\$384,443	3	\$134,421
Detention Re-Entry	\$78,102	2	\$46,768
<i>Direct Care Total</i>	<i>\$90,391,426</i>	<i>599</i>	<i>\$150,994</i>

\*All direct-care related expenses are included. Expenditures for facilities that do not house residents are excluded (VPSTC, Barrett JCC, and Natural Bridge JCC).

\*Decimal values of ADPs are used in per capita calculations. Therefore, dividing the expenditures by the rounded ADP presented in the table will not equal the exact per capita cost.

\*The halfway houses were closed to juveniles in December 2013, and the CPPs opened beginning in May 2014.



# Most Serious Committing Offense by Severity (FY 2014)



- **Commitments (determinate and indeterminate) for:**

- Any felony: 85.3%
- Felonies against persons: 48.8%
- Non-person felony offenses: 36.5%
- Misdemeanor offenses: 11.4%
- Any non-person offense: 45.2%
- Violations of parole: 3.3%

- **Indeterminate Commitments:**

- Any felony: 81.6%
- Felonies against persons: 39.1%
- Non-person felony offenses: 42.5%
- Misdemeanor offenses: 14.3%
- Any non-person offense: 53.4%
- Violations of parole: 4.1%



# Timeline of Interventions for Juveniles Admitted to RDC



## Average Ages (FY 2010-2013 Admissions)

- First Behavior Problems: 11.8
  - First Community Intervention: 12.2
  - First Arrest: 14.2
  - First Adjudication: 14.6
  - Current Commitment: 16.3
- Juveniles admitted to RDC who were 17 years of age or older increased from 44% to 53% in the last ten years.



## Previous Trauma or Family Risk Factors for Juveniles Admitted to RDC



- **65% - parent criminal activity**
  - **51% - parent incarceration**
  - **50% - parent death or abandonment**
  - **45% - parent substance abuse**
  - **21% - family domestic violence**
  - **17% - self injurious behavior (SIB) or suicidal**
  - **12% - sexual assault/abuse**
  - **12% - family physical assault/abuse**
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- **89% reported at least one of the above.**
  - **54% reported 3 or more of the above.**



# Education Challenges for Juveniles Admitted to RDC

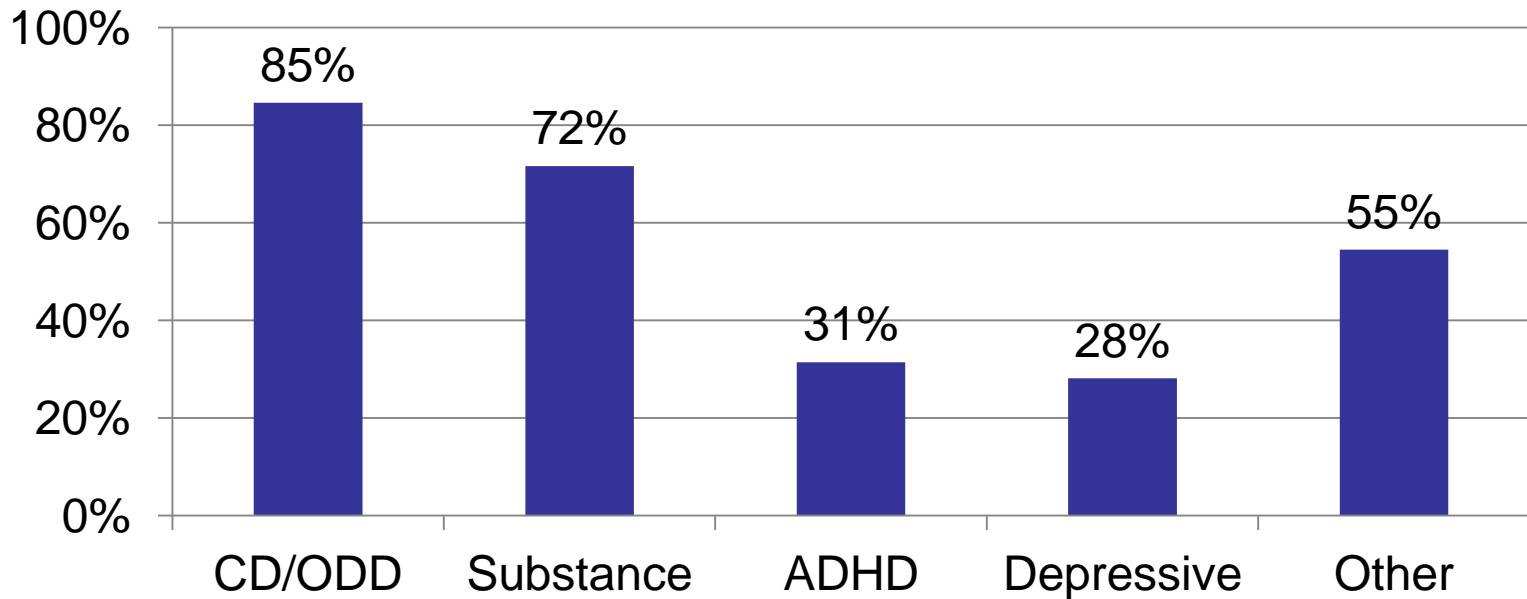


- **Average of 2.6 grade levels behind**
- **Average IQ was 86 (General population IQ is 100)**
- **43% designated as special education**
- **80% had substantial school attendance problems in the community**
- **78% had substantial school behavior problems in the community**





# Mental Health Disorders for Juveniles Admitted to RDC



- 97% of juveniles admitted to RDC had significant symptoms of at least one mental health disorder.

*\* Note: one juvenile may be captured in multiple categories. "Other" includes Bipolar, Adjustment, Anxiety, Cluster A Personality, Cluster B Personality, Cluster C Personality, Dissociative, Eating, Paraphilia, Psychotic, Mental Retardation, and Other Disorders.*



# Recidivism



## 12-Month Rates

- **Probation Placements**
  - Rearrest: 37%
  - Reconviction: 24%
- **Direct Care Releases**
  - Rearrest: 48%
  - Reconviction: 37%
  - Reincarceration: 18%

## 36-Month Rates

- **Probation Placements**
  - Rearrest: 62%
  - Reconviction: 48%
- **Direct Care Releases**
  - Rearrest: 79%
  - Reconviction: 70%
  - Reincarceration: 47%



# Conclusions from Profiles of Committed Juveniles



- **Known to system(s) well before their committing offense**
- **Significant trauma exposure**
- **Not on track for educational success**
- **Significant mental and behavioral health challenges**
- **Lack of successful transitions out of system**



# DJJ Initiatives



- 1. Model Social History**
- 2. Trauma-informed Care**
- 3. Transformation Teams**
- 4. Community Placement Programs**
- 5. Family Engagement**
- 6. Re-entry Reform**
- 7. Targeting Resources on Highest Risk Offender**



# Social History Reports



- **Provides a standardized format for consistent assessment and content.**
- **Assesses risk to re-offend, criminogenic needs, and protective factors.**
- **Highlights a juvenile's history of trauma.**
- **Identifies services and resources that have been exhausted and what community resources are available for consideration at disposition.**



Questions?